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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury has re-indicted a man on murder and weapons charges in connection with the New Year's Day 2008 stabbing death of an Egg Harbor Township man, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Marco Jimenies-Garcia, 19, of Atlantic City, allegedly killed Jose Edgardo Juarez, 34, during a fight in Atlantic City. In September 2008 Garcia was indicted for the crime. On July 17, 2009, Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo dismissed the indictment citing problems with the State's presentation to an Atlantic County Grand Jury. On Tuesday afternoon Assistant Prosecutor Janet Gravitz presented the case to a different Grand Jury and those jurors returned an identical indictment on counts of murder, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon.

On Jan. 1, 2008 at 6:39 a.m., police responded to a call at 709 Warrena Road in Atlantic City. When they arrived they found Omar Rojano, 31, of Cape May County, holding his brother Juarez. Both victims were bleeding profusely. They were taken to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus. Juarez was pronounced dead at 7:19 a.m. from three stab wounds to the chest. Rojano sustained two stab wounds to the shoulder. He recovered. Authorities charged Garcia with killing Juarez the day of the incident. No one has been charged with stabbing Rojano, according to Gravitz.

A butcher knife, which is believed to be the murder weapon, was recovered from a trashcan near the defendant's home in the 500 block of Trenton Avenue in Atlantic City, Gravitz said.

Garcia remains in the Atlantic County Justice Facility pending further legal proceedings.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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